## **Edwin B. Forsythe**

## National Wildlife Refuge

## Unit A Little Egg Harbor (North and South) and Bonnet Island

Thank you for participating in the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge Migratory Bird Hunting Program. To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting the refuge, please read all of the information in this package and abide by all rules and regulations.

Hunting is permitted in accordance with all applicable State and Federal regulations and is subject to special regulations. Hunters should also consult the New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Digest, as well as the NJ current year Migratory Bird Regulations Supplement.

#### **Season Dates**

Refuge Hunt Units (NJ Coastal Zone) will be open for migratory waterfowl, rails, coots and moorhens subject to State, Federal and Refuge regulations. Please refer to the current year supplement.

#### Hours

1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. No units shall be occupied before 4:00 a.m.

#### Licenses

Hunters must have a valid NJ hunting license. In addition, each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and over must carry on his person a valid Federal Duck Stamp and New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp signed in ink across the face of the stamps. All waterfowl hunters must also have a current HIP number written on their license.

#### **Nontoxic Shot**

All hunters (including rail, coot and moorhen hunters) must use or possess only approved nontoxic shot.

#### **Boat Launches**

Public boat launches are available in Ship Bottom, along Cedar Run and West Creek Dock Roads, and Dock Road in Parkerstown. Car top launch is available along Stafford Avenue. Little Egg Harbor and Bonnet Island Hunting Units Special Regulations and Provisions:

#### Little Egg Harbor (North)

- Hunters may not use or possess more than 25 shotshells/day.
- Jump shooting is permitted.
- Foot access is not allowed from Newell Avenue to Westecunk Creek.

#### **Little Egg Harbor (South)**

- Hunters may not use or possess more than 25 shotshells/day.
- Jump shooting is permitted.
- Foot access is allowed south of West Creek Dock Road.

#### **Bonnet Island**

- On Bonnet Island, only the south two (2) islands posted with green "Public Hunting" signs are open to hunting. The remaining north part of the island is closed.
- Hunters may not use or possess more than 25 shotshells/day.
- Jump shooting is NOT permitted and a minimum of six (6) decoys is required.
- No foot access. Access is by boat only.

#### **Prohibited Activities**

- Permanent and pit blinds are not permitted. All hunting blind materials, boats and decoys must be removed at the end of each hunting day.
- Possessing a firearm capable of holding more than 3 shells, unless it is plugged with a one piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.
- Hunting by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where the person knows or reasonably should know that the area has been baited.
- Trimming or cutting vegetation.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages.
- Target practice
- Camping and campfires
- Littering
- Overnight parking

For any questions, information or comments regarding refuge-specific hunting regulations or activities, call (609) 652-1665 or, from Ocean County, call (609) 294-0777. The refuge can also be reached by writing: forsythe@fws. gov or visit the refuge website at http://www.fws.gov/northeast/forsythe.



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